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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in the above-identified application.

Reconsideration and further examination are requested. A Supplemental Declaration to correct the foreign priority document information in the original Declaration is being filed concurrently herewith.

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated October 11, 2002, the claims of Group I (Claims 1-12 and 21-36) drawn to a plastic article and method of making, are elected for prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected invention. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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